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MEMORANDUM FOR: Douglas T. Cummins
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FROM : Maurice A. Sovern
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SUBJECT : Department of Justice Inquiry
Martin Luther King, Jr. Task
Force

REFERENCE : OGC Letter, DOJ, Same Subject,
14 December 1976 (attached)

1. As recently noted in the press, the Department of Justice has made public the results of the inquiry by a Task Force of the Office of Professional Responsibility of the Department of Justice. The Task Force reviewed CIA materials on the extent and nature of the FBI/CIA contacts concerning the Reverend King.

2. On 17 December 1976, a five member security-cleared team from the Department of Justice, consisting of Messrs. Fred G. Folson, Task Force Leader, Joseph F. Gross, James R. Kieckhefer, James F. Walker and William D. White, reviewed the DDO and DDA/OS material.

3. In conversation with the OGC (Jameson), we are advised that no further use is required for our material by the Department of Justice.

4. We recognize that despite its public tribulation, the House Select Committee on assassinations has been created and will most likely want to review material in CIA files on both the Kennedy and King assassinations.

5. In conversation with Mr. Cummins of OLC and Mr. John Leader of the IG Staff, it was agreed that we would continue to hold the sanitized King material which was prepared for the Justice investigation for possible eventual review by

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investigators from the House Select Committee on Assassinations. It is recognized, however, that this material will be rereviewed prior to our making it available to any cleared House investigators. It is also noted for the record that much of the King material in our file is FBI material on loan to this Agency; therefore, further coordination with the owning agency would have to be accomplished before non-CIA access to the material is permitted.

Maurice A. Sovern

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